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YEE ANNOUNCES FREE TAX SEMINAR FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

Betty T. Yee, Acting Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), Senator Wesley Chesbro (D-Arcata) and Assemblymember Patty Berg (D-Eureka) are sponsoring a free one-day tax seminar to assist nonprofit and exempt organizations in the Redwood Coastal Area counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity.

Yee encourages those responsible for nonprofit and exempt organizations to attend and learn how tax law and reporting requirements affect their operations. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes and other relevant tax laws for nonprofit organizations.

Experts from BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, and the Internal Revenue Service will be on hand to assist attendees.

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2005

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: River Lodge Conference Center

1800 Riverwalk Drive

Fortuna, CA

Those wishing to attend may register online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm. For more information please call Chris Mejia at 916-324-2068.

Acting Board Member Betty T. Yee, of San Francisco, assumed the First District seat on the Board of Equalization in 2004.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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